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Project Summary	The proposed research would be to examine the association between women's participation in Self Help Groups (SHG) in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) and Gender Based Economic Violence (GBV) they experience. In particular, the hypothesis would be: do women who are members of the SHG experience less GBV com
Country	United States

Project Description

Women Self Help Groups (SHG) are composed of 15-25 or more selected individuals who form a group and functions as a group based on the concept of provision of public goods through collaboration. In Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) the main activity of these groups is to create a loan fund-by pooling their own saving- to provide access to finance in the form of loans to its members. Some of these groups also collaborate in improved farming practices to increase production and productivity and improving access to agricultural markets. The proposed research will explore opportunities reducing for Gender Based Economic Violence (GBV) through participation in SHGs. The GBVs that could be considered include limited access to institutional finance (credit) and household finance; controlled access to health care, employment, education, including agricultural resources (land); exclusion from financial decision making; and discriminatory traditional laws on inheritance, property rights, and use of communal land. Literature from South Asia-Bangladesh, Vietnam and India- shows positive association between women's participation in SHGs and access to credit and women's health and education outcomes. The proposed research will survey the SHGs in SSA and examine the association between women's participation in SHGs on variables like access to credit, household finance, access to health care, education, property rights and financial decision making. The hypothesis here would be that there is a positive association between participation/membership in SHGs and the above variables, which implies reduced gender based violence against SHG members.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Analytical writing

Data analysis

Economic analysis

Research

Additional Information

None

Language Requirements

None